

Miami Correctional Facility Awarded National Accreditation

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BUNKER HILL, Indiana - (April 23, 2007) - The Miami Correctional Facility was recently awarded the National Accreditation by the American Correctional Association (ACA). Robert Garvey, Chairperson of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections announced the accreditation of the Indiana Department of Correction facility. The award was presented in conjunction with the Correctional Accreditation Managers' Association (CAMA) conference in Covington, KY on April 15.

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In presenting the award, Robert Garvey, Chairperson of the CAC, and Gary Maynard, President of the American Correctional Association (ACA), complimented Walter E. Martin, Superintendent, and his staff on their professional level of operation and their success in completing the accreditation process. The agency is one of over 1,500 correctional organizations currently involved in accreditation across the nation.

The accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national standards that have evolved since the founding of the Association in 1870. The standards were developed by national leaders from the field of corrections, law, architecture, health care, and other groups who are interested in sound correctional management.

ACA standards address services, programs, and operations essential to effective correctional management. Through accreditation, an agency is able to maintain a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health, and safety of staff and offenders. Standards set by ACA reflect practical up-to-date policies and procedures and function as a management

tool for agencies and facilities throughout the world.

The three-year accreditation award granted to the Miami Correctional Facility does not signal the end of their involvement in the accreditation process. During the award period, staff will work to improve any deficiencies identified during the audit and maintain continuous compliance with the standards.

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